

Amendment to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and 26-28. Please amend claim 21 as follows, and please add new claims 29-36.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a neural function in a brain of a patient, the method comprising:

determining a therapy period during which at least one therapy session is to be performed to recover and/or develop a functional ability corresponding to the neural function;

identifying a stimulation site in and/or on the brain of the patient associated with the neural function;

positioning an electrode at least proximate to the identified stimulation site;

providing at least one electrical stimulation treatment to the stimulation site by delivering electrical stimulation signals to the electrode during the therapy session; and

~~discontinuing~~preventing the electrical stimulation signals from being delivered to the stimulation site after expiration of the therapy period.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining the therapy period comprises setting a limiting module to terminate stimulation after a period from approximately one day to not more than one year.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining the therapy period comprises setting a limiting module to terminate stimulation after a period from approximately one day to not more than one month.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining the therapy period comprises setting a limiting module to terminate stimulation after a period from approximately one day to not more than one week.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein preventing the electrical stimulation signals from being delivered to the stimulation site comprises setting the limiting module to terminate stimulation after a predetermined number of therapy sessions.

26-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising preventing the electrical stimulation signals from being delivered to the stimulation site after expiration of the therapy period.

30. (New) A method for treating a neural function in a brain of a patient, the method comprising:

 during at least one therapy session, applying electrical stimulation to a stimulation site and simultaneously having the patient engage in an adjunctive therapy; and

 discontinuing the electrical stimulation delivered to the stimulation site after expiration of a therapy period that includes the at least one therapy session.

31. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein discontinuing the electrical stimulation includes discontinuing the electrical stimulation after the patient achieves a predetermined level of functional recovery.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising determining a length of the therapy period based on an expected time to recover, develop, or recover and develop a functional ability corresponding to the neural function.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising identifying the stimulation site in, on, or in and on the brain of the patient.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising implanting an electrode at least proximate to the stimulation site, and wherein applying electrical stimulation includes applying electrical stimulation by transmitting electrical signals from the electrode.

35. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising selecting the adjunctive therapy to include at least one of a physical therapy, a cognitive therapy, activities of daily living, intentional use of an affected body part, a speech therapy, a visual task, a reading task, a memory task, a comprehension task and an attention task.

36. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising preventing the electrical stimulation from being delivered to the stimulation site after expiration of the therapy period.